



Slow the Spread
of the Gypsy Moth
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**Minutes of the Board of Directors of
The Gypsy Moth Slow the Spread Foundation, Inc.**

July 5, 2017
9:00 CDT – 11:00 CDT
10:00 EDT – 12:00 EDT

Proper notice having been duly given to each Board member, a conference call of the Board of Directors was held on the above date.

Larry Nichols called the meeting to order and the roll was taken.

BOARD MEMBERS

Larry Nichols, Virginia, President	present
Phil Wilson, North Carolina, Vice-President/Treasurer	present
Melody Walker, Wisconsin, Secretary	present
Scott Schirmer, Illinois	present
Phil Marshall, Indiana	present
Tivon Feeley, Iowa	absent
Carl Harper, Kentucky	absent
Kimberly Thielen Cremers, Minnesota	present
Tim Brown, West Virginia	present

OTHERS PARTICIPATING IN THE MEETING

Dave Adkins, Ohio
Nancy Johnson, Scott Frank, Illinois
Megan Abraham, Indiana
Chris Elder, North Carolina
Heather Slayton, Tennessee
Butch Sayers, West Virginia
Linda Kastorff, Wisconsin
Mannin Dodd, Virginia Tech
Ed Holloman, Southeastern Association Services
Paul Chaloux, Dave Gruchot, USDA APHIS
Donna Leonard, John Kyhl, Laurel Haavik, Dennis Haugen, Noel Schneeberger, USDA Forest Service

Whereas, the above noted directors constitute a quorum, and there is no objection to this proceeding, the following business was conducted:

Virginia Larry Nichols - President 804-786-3515	North Carolina Phil Wilson – Vice President/Treasurer 919-707-3753	Wisconsin Melody Walker - Secretary 608-224-4586
Illinois Scott Schirmer 815-787-5481	Indiana Phil Marshall 812-358-3621	Iowa Tivon Feeley 515-725-8453
Kentucky Carl Harper 859-257-5838	Minnesota Kimberly Thielen Cremers 651-201-6329	West Virginia Tim Brown 304-558-2212

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes from the previous meeting (April 26, 2017) were not yet available for review.

STATUS UPDATES OF GRANT AGREEMENTS

2016 APHIS Regulatory Grant

Ed reported a remaining balance of \$13,675.19 for Virginia, as of June 29, 2017. This money has been spent and the paperwork is being processed. All reports are current. Ed indicated states could submit 424 forms for the 2017 grant for the same amounts as in the 2016 grant (\$110,000).

➤ Action: 2016 APHIS Regulatory Grant Reports	Due:
Final Annual Performance Report (5/24/16 – 5/23/17)	8/15/17
Final FSR (5/24/16 – 5/23/17)	8/15/17

2017 APHIS Regulatory Grant

The ezFedGrants process is underway to acquire these funds. There were a few temporary glitches, particularly with not allowing a person to represent both their state and the STS Foundation in the system. Phil Wilson could not be a signatory for STS because he was a signatory for North Carolina. Larry agreed to be the signatory for the Foundation, and Melody's name was added to the system as a program contact. The system is expected to work with these changes in place.

2015 Forest Service Trapping and Treatment Grant

This grant has a balance of zero and all reports are in.

2016 Forest Service Trapping and Treatment Grant

Ed reported a balance of \$482,837.79 as of June 29, 2017. The subawards to states have an end date of June 1, 2017. All funds should be obligated by June 1, or each state with funds remaining should submit the amount to deobligate by July 15, 2017. Ohio, Virginia and Wisconsin plan to use all of their allotted funds. Indiana plans to deobligate less than \$5,000. North Carolina and West Virginia both plan to deobligate unspecified amounts. Please submit the paperwork to deobligate funds by July 15.

➤ Action: 2016 FS Trapping and Treatment Grant Reports	Due:
Final FSR (1/1/16– 6/1/17)	7/15/17
Final Performance Report (1/1/16– 12/31/16)	7/15/17

2017 Forest Service Trapping and Treatment Grant

Donna gave an overview of the contents on the spreadsheet. The award received to date is the partial award of \$2,797,275.00 million that was awarded initially. The revision to capture the remaining amount of \$1,917,008.00 million is pending. Ed has the 424 forms for the full amount from all states except Virginia, which is in process of getting their 424 form into Ed's hands. Donna asked the states to review the amounts listed in the revision column of the subgrants section to make sure that they were correct for

each state. She further explained the supplies, equipment and contract sections in the lower half of the spread sheet. Donna had included a contingency line item for AI's Aerial Spraying for an additional \$10,000 for the MD project. It now looks like this money may not be needed. There is also an equipment expense of \$15,000 for the Otis Lab to repair or replace a refrigeration unit to store the disparlure for the Foundation. Noel indicated the agreement will be processed quickly now that he has prepared the justification form for the equipment expense.

Update on MD Contract Protest

A five-year MD contract was awarded to AI's Aerial Spraying in February 2017. Their proposal received the highest technical rating and was also the lowest price. Therefore, it was a surprise when another bidder filed a protest with the Government Accountability Office (GAO). The Forest Service Chief signed an override which allowed the STS MD project to continue. As of June 13th, the protest was dismissed. The GAO dismissed all complaints and the award stands.

The award to AI's was for 100 percent SPLAT, which is a big change from Disrupt II, the standard product used for many years. Both AI's Aerial Spraying and an ISCA representative will be at the summer meeting to review how the project worked. SPLAT will be used for five years unless the contractor makes a change. Study plots will be used to test SPLAT this year. This will help to verify the efficacy of SPLAT. If it turns out that SPLAT was not effective in the study plots, it is possible more data would be required and then potentially we could switch to Disrupt II, but at a significant cost increase.

MISCELLANEOUS

Administrative Office Move

Ed's office moved. The street address will be updated on the website; the mailing address and the phone number have remained unchanged.

Appreciation

Larry expressed thanks to Noel for helping with the letter to get the early release of funds form the Forest Service. Donna expressed thanks to Tim Brown for driving the trailer for the MD project.

Future Meetings

The next conference call is scheduled for Wednesday, August 2, 2017.

Meeting Adjourned

Phil Marshall (IN) moved to adjourn the meeting. Phil Wilson (NC) seconded the motion and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned.

2017 STS Conference Call and Meeting Schedule

Conference calls are scheduled for the 1st Wednesday of each month at 9:00 CT/10:00 ET unless otherwise scheduled by the Board President. The call in number for the STS monthly conference calls in 2017 is **888-844-9904 with access code 4050800**.

January 4	Conference Call	Cancelled
February 1	Conference Call	Cancelled
February 16	STS Annual MT	Held

March 1	Conference Call	Cancelled
April 5	Conference Call	Cancelled
May 3	Conference Call	Rescheduled to April 26
June 7	Conference Call	Cancelled
July 5	Conference Call	Held
August 2	Conference Call	Pending
September 6	Conference Call	Pending
October 4	Conference Call	Pending
November 1	Conference Call	Pending
December 6	Conference Call	Pending

The foregoing motions and actions, by unanimous consent are to have full force and effect as of July 5, 2017, unless otherwise indicated by the Board.

Melody Walker, Secretary